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TAG: PFOR, IS, XF

SUBJECT: ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

REF: STATE 50286

1. WASHINGTON POST STORY APPARENTLY  
STEMS FROM STATEMENT BY OFER DURING PRIME TIME TELEVISION  
PROGRAM MARCH 4, DURING WHICH HE DEBATED GOI POLICY TOWARD  
MAALE ADUMIM WITH MK YEHUDA BEN-MEIR(NRP). IN COURSE OF  
PROGRAM, OFER ANNOUNCED THAT MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON SETTLE-  
MENTS HAD PREVIOUS DAY GIVEN APPROVAL FOR ELEVEN NEW SETTLE-  
MENTS TO BE ESTABLISHED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1975. HE ADDED  
THAT THESE WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO NINE SETTLEMENTS PREVIOUSLY  
APPROVED.

2. WE WILL BE REPORTING MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON  
COMMITTEE DECISION AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. WORTH NOTING, HOWEVER,  
THAT THIS MAY BE " DECISION IN PRINCIPLE", TAKEN IN MIDST OF  
CONTROVERSY OVER MAALE ADUMIM WITH MINISTERS ANXIOUS TO  
DEMONSTRATE THEIR BASIC SUPPORT FOR SETTLEMENT OF TERRITORIES.  
ACTUAL ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES TO BRING SETTLEMENTS INTO  
BEING DURING COMING YEAR MAY BE ANOTHER MATTER.

3. ONLY RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN SETTLEMENT PICTURE OF WHICH WE ARE  
AWARE IS COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION AT SUCCOTH

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(3115N-3411E) INRAFAH JUNCTION AREA NEAR GAZA, WHICH  
HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN TENT ENCAMPMENT(TEL AVIV 912). PRESS

REPORTS THAT PREFAB BUILDINGS THERE ARE EXPECTED TO  
BE COMPLETED BY JUNE.

4. RE NUMBERS--AS DEPT IS AWARE, PRECISE COUNT OF  
ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES HAS  
ALWAYS BEEN DIFFICULT FOR VARIETY OF REASONS. WE  
DON'T KNOW WHERE AUTHOR OF POST ARTICLE GOT NUMBER OF  
67, BUT IT MAY BE HE INCLUDED 20 NEW SETTLEMENTS  
REFERRED TO BY OFER (PARA 1) PLUS A WORKING FIGURE OF  
AROUND 50, WHICH WOULD COME OUT CLOSE TO 67. WE WILL  
PULL TOGETHER AND FORWARD CURRENTLY AVAILABLE  
INFORMATION ON NUMBERS OF SETTLEMENTS.  
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